

Halifax Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

19 March 2014

Meeting convened 1942 hrs by Scott Wood (VE1QD)

Silent Keys reported: VE1YE (ex), VE9PV , VE1EDT, VE1QO

Agenda approval (VE1LDL / VE1TRB)

Minutes of February meeting:

Terry (VE1TRB) submitted a correction to the note in the Reflector about the Fall Protection course to amend that VE1RUS had not attended the course.

Motion to approve: VE1JEH / VE1JIM . Approved.

Correspondence: Scott reported that Jim Langille has made a donation to HARC in the amount of \$25 in thanks for carrying an ad in the Reflector for the Maritime Amateur website.

Presidents Report:

Scott thanked Howard for getting the electronic callbook format to those who had renewed their membership by the end of February.

Scott thanked George Snow for looking after the Ham Breakfast on the 22nd.

He thanked those who participated on the Girl Guide on the air program.

Scott thanked Terry (VE1TRB) for once again organizing the Fall Arrest course.

Scott mentioned that Scott Verge has taken on the upcoming Basic Radio Course, and that he will be meeting with him about that, and conveyed the Club's thanks to Erik Hein for his 2 years work on the course.

He then mentioned Gary Bartlett's participation in the CY0P Sable Island expedition, and a suggestion was made that we post the article about it on the website.

Upcoming programs including John Scott speaking on the DXCC program, and Gary Bartlett will talk about Sable Island in May.

Ian (VE1IGP) reminded everyone present that we will be moving the remaining items from Bloomfield as soon as possible.

Treasurers Report: A quick overview of the Club's budget was given by Scott in Jim's absence.

Bill (VE1MR) moved that the report be accepted.

Seconded by Howard (VE1DHD).

Approved.

Brian Allen (VE1AZV) gave a report on the preparations for the upcoming Field day (June 27th - 29th), and requested the clubs help for various positions throughout the day.

Anyone wishing to help can contact Brian at basailor@eastlink.ca

There was some discussion about the Brit Fader Scholarship and that there needs to be something done with the promotion of it soon.

EMO / SAR:

Dave George reported that EMO Exercise Kingfisher will be coming up in October. This is an emergency communications exercise involving amateur radio operators to test the communications links including the hospitals.

He reported about HRM's switch to the Incident Command system and the use of new forms and such for things like this.

He then reported on a lady who was involved in an ATV accident in Chezzetcook with subsequent back injuries, and the "calamity of errors" that ensued when the fire department and EMS tried to effect a deep woods rescue.

Dick (VE1AI) gave a report on the 900 MHz radio linking project with EMO and its progress, including receipt and programming of the radios, and their dissemination, and we are just awaiting the installation of the radios / antennas.

Terry (VE1TRB) gave a report on the recent certification of club members in fall arrest, and the upcoming MS Walk.

He reported that Madeline Symonds School has asked him to assist in setting up an ISS contact for the fall of 2014, and he may be asking for volunteers in getting things set up for this.

He also reported that the Fall River Gym is to be set up as a backup EOC Radio Station.

Personal news: Scott reported on his recent trip to Mexico for his immersion course.

Jim (VE1JIM) reported on his trip to Hawaii in February, and the fact that his is going to be a grandfather again.

Old Business:

A reminder that those involved in moving stuff from Bloomfield will need some help.

Scott mentioned the upcoming Shearwater Hobby Show, and Jeremy informed those present that Craig (VE1JMA), Scott (VE1SRV) and Doug (VE1LDL) would be involved and things were well in hand.

Dartmouth Rovers and HARC.

Bill reported that Tom Caithness was organizing this and that some people had come forward to man sites, and help with the exercise.

The 2014 Hamfest (May 31st):

Jeremy reported that he and Tom Gaum and George Snow are planning to get together soon to flesh out the details and start ramping things up.

Scott said there is a book that was done up by Murray from last years flea market that has yet to be located.

Strategic Policy and Program for Education and Recruitment: Scott has deferred this to a later date as ah has been away and hasn't had time to do anything with it.

Scott and Alan to meet regarding the CP Allen Radio Club.

Amanda and Scott to meet regarding the brochures and display boards.

New Business:

Bill mentioned about a possible Radio Canada International commemorative event before the land is sold, and there was a brief discussion about it.

Scout Jamborees: some dates have changed and any interest in helping in this has been deferred.

Amanda reminded those present that we have been offered a table at the Spring Geequinox this weekend, and there was discussion about our participation.

Door Prize draw:

\$25 Gift certificate won by Jeremy (VE1JHF)

50/50 Draw: \$31 won by Jack (VE1OU)

Motion for Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 2045

Respectfully submitted

Jeremy Fowler VE1JHF

HARC Secretary